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Grow More Food - New Mill Subsidy Schemes - Monthly
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Revenue Department
(Abstract)

Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress Report - Month
ending 31st December 1947 - Reviewed.

Resolution Rt.No.1243.

Station: Chempauk, Madras

Dated the 3rd March,

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..ead: Reports from the Collectors.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government the following consolidated review of the progress made in respect of all the three well-subsidy Schemes during the month ending 31st December 1947..

2. Only the Collectors of Chittoor, Trichinopoly, Tinnevely, Ramnad, Tanjore, South Arcot, Anantapur and East Godavari submitted their reports on all the schemes within the prescribed date. The Board is constrained to remark that in spite of an advance reminder and the issue of telegraphic reminders and a reference reminder there was long delay in the submission of one or other of the reports by the Collectors of the remaining districts -- those from North Arcot, Coimbatore and West Godavari being the last to be received. Collectors are requested to impress on their subordinates that future delay will result in disciplinary action being taken.

3. (A) NEW WELL-SUBSIDY SCHEME

WELLS: The following statement will show at a glance the progress made in the disposal of applications:-

Number of cases sanctioned upto 30th November, 1947.	Amount involved	Number of cases for disposal during the month of December '47.	Amount involved.	Number of cases in which loans were sanctioned during the month of December, 1947.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
20,307	Rs.68,25,855	52,764	Rs.178,85,435	3,210
Amount involved upto 31st December 1947	Total Number of cases sanctioned upto 31st December 1947	Amount involved	Number of cases rejected during the month of December 1947	Number pending for disposal on 1-1-1948
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Rs.11,10,960/-	23,517	Rs.79,36,815/-	5,659	Rs.19,93,570
				43,895

(ii) The number of cases rejected is almost double the number in which subsidies were sanctioned and the number of applications on which no action was taken is more than 5 times the number on which action was taken. The Board is unable to understand the reasons for such great pendency as preliminary enquiries should have been completed in a large number of cases long ago.

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(iii) The disposal was very poor in the districts of Chittoor, Tanjore, Malabar, Vizagapatam, Nellore, Cuddapah, West Godavari, Kistna and Guntur being less than 20 per cent, poor in the districts of Tinnevely, Ramnad, South Arcot, Madura, Anantapur and East Godavari being about 25 per cent and fair in the districts of North Arcot, Chingleput Trichinopoly, Salem, Coimbatore, Bellary and South Kanara being above 25 per cent. Subsidy loan was not sanctioned even in a single case in Tanjore District this month also, while in Bellary District it was sanctioned only in one case.

(iv) Collectors are requested to see that the sanction of loans is not refused in any eligible case and take suitable action against the special staff if cases of slackness or carelessness in the disposal of applications comes to notice. The Special Deputy Tahsildars should as already directed be made to record their full reasons for the rejection of application:

(v) The attention of Collectors is invited to the instructions in B.P.Rt.No.961, dated 21st February 1948 for speeding up the disposal of applications. They are requested to devote their personal attention to the matter and see that the ~~entire~~ amounts allotted to their districts are completely disbursed by 31st March 1948.

VKS - New and old:

(vi) Out of 232 applications in respect of new tanks and 177 applications in respect of old tanks for disposal during the month, only 2 applications for new tanks and 3 applications for old tanks have been sanctioned and 38 applications have been rejected leaving a large balance of 366 applications for disposal at the end of the month in both South Kanara and Malabar districts. This is very unsatisfactory. Subsidy loans amounting to Rs.2,380/- in respect of 6 new tanks and Rs.6,068/- in respect of 14 old tanks have been paid upto the end of the month under review.

(vii) The remarks made in regard to the disposal of applications for wells apply with equal force in respect of the disposal of applications for tanks in South Kanara and Malabar. Orders have recently been issued authorising the Collectors to appoint Special Deputy Tahsildars. The question whether any further relaxations are necessary is being considered by the Board and orders will issue shortly. The Collectors of South Kanara and Malabar are therefore requested to see that the special staff spare no pains for the speedy disposal of applications and that no eligible applications are rejected.

4. The Board observes that there is still much room for improvement in every respect. Only a sum of Rs.78,79,863/- was sanctioned upto 31st December 1947 although the scheme had, by that date, been in force for more than 8 months, leaving a balance of about Rs.71 lakhs to be sanctioned in short period of 3 months, i.e. from 1-1-1948 to 31-3-1948. Out of the sum of Rs.78,79,863/- sanctioned only a sum of Rs.70,23,258/- was actually paid. It is not clear why the should be any delay in payment after sanction is accorded. As pointed out in para 3-A-(ii) above the percentage of ca rejected is much larger than that in which loans were sanctioned. There is a clear indication that the returns are not prepared with the care which they demand. The remarks about the discrepancies noticed/see the subject matter of Form a separate reference.

5. The failure of the North East Monsoon this year has very forcibly drawn attention to the need for increasing irrigation under wells. The Board would reiterate its request that Collectors should take all possible steps to make the wells

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To the Board of Revenue.

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scheme a complete success and thereby help to avert the food crisis that is anticipated during May to September this year.

6. (B) ACCELERATED WELLS SCHEME.

NEW WELLS.

	Upto 30th November 1947		In the month	Upto 31st December 1947
1. Number of wells completed	38,162	plus	394	38,556
2. Number of wells in progress	19,180	minus plus	599	18,581
3. Number of wells to be taken up including cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered	4,247	plus	205	4,452
Total number of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	61,589			61,589

(ii) Only 394 wells were completed during the month under review, thus bringing up the total number of new wells completed up to 31st December 1947 in the entire Province to 38,556. The number of wells in progress is still very large in the districts of North Arcot, Chingleput, Chittoor, Tinnevely, Kurhool, Ramnad, Madura, Vizagapatam, Nellore, Salem and Coimbatore. The Board hopes that the Collectors are devoting personal attention to this matter and that they have warned the grantees that the wells in progress should be completed speedily and in any case before 30th June 1948 and that no further extension of time will be granted under any circumstances.

(iii) OLD WELLS: in spite of special instructions issued to Collectors by the Board in the previous reviews the majority of the Collectors have submitted their returns for old wells only in the form prescribed in Board's L.Dis.No.V.Spl. 3084/47, dated 6-10-1947. Only a few Collectors have submitted it in the form used previously. There is, therefore, no uniformity in the details furnished by them in respect of columns 4 to 9 of the revised form. In view, however, of the further extension of time upto 30th November 1948 granted by the Government in their Order Ms.No.44, Revenue, dated 8th January 1948 for the completion of the repairs to old wells where substantial progress had been made, Collectors are requested to see that all the wells eligible for the extension of time now allowed are completed before 30th April 1948. Collectors are also requested to submit their statements in respect of the old wells in the form used previously and not in the revised form prescribed in the Board's L.Dis.No.V.Spl. 3084/47, dated 5th October 1947.

(iv &) 7,705 new wells and 3,537 old wells were inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers upto the end of the month under review. The decrease in the number of wells from those reported last month is noticed in the districts of Cuddapah, North Arcot, Chingleput, Nellore and Chittoor. The Collectors are being asked separately to report the reasons for the variations. The percentage of the wells inspected to the total number sanctioned is very meagre. The Revenue Divisional Officers should make it a point to inspect more wells during their tours. This will stimulate the ryots to make more speedy progress.

(v) The following statement will show the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food-grains produced under the accelerated scheme upto the end of the month under review:--

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Old wells

Additional area brought under irrigation	Acres 50,054.04	31,163.71
Additional quantity of food grains produced	Tons 20,612.65	10,488.53

(Variations between the last month's figures and the figures in the return under review are noticed in the reports from the Collector of Tanjore for new wells and Cuddapah for old wells. The Collectors are being separately requested to explain the variations.)

During the month under review collectors did not sanction the write off of subsidies in any case.

(vi) (C) CEDED DISTRICTS MODIFIED SCHEME.

During the month under review only 18 new wells are reported to have been completed under this scheme. No wells were completed in Cuddapah District. This is very unsatisfactory. The total number of wells for which subsidies have been paid under this scheme is 1,984. Out of this only 149 wells have been completed so far. This works out to only 7½ per cent. Even though the time for completion of new wells has been extended upto 30th June 1948 the number of wells completed is very poor being only 5 out of 188 in Kurnool, 46 out of 712 in Bellary, 34 out of 847 in Anantapur and 64 out of 237 in Cuddapah Districts.

(ii) The progress made in the completion of the wells subsidised under the Ceded Districts Modified Scheme is practically negligible in spite of the fact that this scheme was specially introduced for the Ceded Districts only. The Board would specially impress on the Collectors of the Ceded Districts the need for a special drive for the speedy construction of the wells.

(iii) The general remarks made in respect of the old wells under the Accelerated Scheme apply to the case of old wells subsidised under this scheme also.

(iv) The following statement shows the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food grains produced under the wells subsidised under this scheme:

	<u>New Wells.</u>	<u>Old Wells</u>
Additional area brought under irrigation	Ac. 405.10	290.15
Additional quantity of foodgrains produced	Tons 166.60	123.00

(v) Only 385 new wells and 85 old wells were inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers upto the end of the month under review. But the Collector of Cuddapah who had reported in the last month's return that 3 wells had been inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officer has not shown even a single well in the present return. The variation has not been explained by the Collector. He is being requested separately to explain the variation.

8. Collectors must be aware of the seriousness in the food situation caused by the failure of the North East Monsoon. The situation is expected to be very grave in the months of May to September this year. It is needless to point out that the situation can be eased to some extent if the subsidised wells are completed and made ready for raising a short term crop immediately on their completion.

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